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My beloved Friend.

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We ought long ago to have written & thank thee for thy very kind and much prized gifts of the photographs which we greatly admire and on which we look lovingly as reminding us of one so much esteem. It was a great delight to see thee and dear Frank in your own happy persons, even for so short a time & we are very thankful for the interview and we were greatly delighted to see that thou art able still with thy

old fire & stand up for the right - we were much obliged for the papers sent.

Dear E.P. Nichol tells us of any news she has of the land thine - She is very well & bright this winter to. Jar - She is a most valuable member of our community & would be a most noble citizen if she had the title! She has been assisting at the opening of "a public home without drink", which will help be one of many, let's good immediately and incidentally. - our Women's Suffrage movement goes on; and the slum question on

the highest line of morality for the people & the State is Constantly demanding work and intent - Doubtless the best & ablest efforts of the most intensely Congressional genius - we waited for day pierce there & indeed some astute actually announced the presence of the Congress! - Mr Butler's utterances were magnificent - every day he had a speech, but a rare rhetorical cluster of observations - but a well digested, written document full of argument & power - which should be read by the most attentive audiences - we had other speakers of great weight - and the whole tone of the Congress was very fine - We enjoyed visiting Aaron Powell - Julia Ward Howe

& D. Caroline Winslow & her husband -- after the usual two weeks and took a tour round by Chamonix Interlaken Lucern &c. & greatly enjoyed it - My dear Mother being at home all the time - She is very well & bright taking interest in all that is going on - We are again busy this winter collecting money for the poor sufferers from Turkish cruelty in Bosnia - We sometimes wonder that America has done so little for these poor sufferers - when we remember how long you were at the time of the Irish famine and the Lancashire distress - We know you have distress at home, but you have wealth too - and a ship-load of Indian corn

would be a wonderful boon.
I'm sure Elizabeth Nichol
introduced you to the knowledge
of Miss Libby & Phillips's inter-
esting work; - they have gone
both again & give us terrible
pictures of the misery - but
also the comforting side, & in
the hopeful condition of the
2,000 children taught & fed
in their schools. -
My mother and the family
felt very grateful for the
beautiful letter on the death
of William Smeal - The family
have had another trial in
the sudden death of John
Smeal of London, nephew
of Wm. S. - he went into town
quite well, attended some meeting

I was writing letters when his head was bowed down on the table - unconscious and in two hours he had ceased to breathe, he has left a lovely young wife but no children

I hope all the family are well now — our united love to all, — may we speedily hear from Aunt A Fanny. — I hope Fanny's husband is stronger he was glad to have James Burgess's message of remembrance please reciprocate at whose opportunity offers —

With much esteem & affection from us both

I remain

Yours sincerely

Eliza Wyllys

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